***Panca Sila* (The Five Precepts) in the Pali Canon in Buddhism**

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***Panca Sila* (The Five Precepts)**

1. *Panatipata veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami*
2. *Adinnadana veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami*
3. *Kamesu micchacara veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami*
4. *Musavada veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami*
5. *Sura meraya majja pamadatthana veramani sikkhapadam samadiyami*

***Pañca ·Sīla* (The Five Precepts) with Diacriticals**

1. *Pāṇātipātā veramaṇī ·sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi*
2. *Adinnādānā veramaṇī ·sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi*
3. *Kāmesu micchācārā veramaṇī ·sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi*
4. *Musā ·vādā veramaṇī ·sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi*
5. *Surā ·meraya ·majja ·pamādaṭṭhānā veramaṇī ·sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi*

***Panca Sila* (The Five Precepts)**

1. I undertake the Precept to refrain from killing and injuring living beings
2. I undertake the Precept to refrain from taking that which is not given
3. I undertake the Precept to refrain from sexual misconduct and excessive sensuality
4. I undertake the Precept to refrain from false and harmful speech
5. I undertake the Precept to refrain from drink and drugs which fuddle the mind and reduce mindfulness

***Panca Sila* (The Five Precepts) in The Pali Canon**

Ajahn Amaro, the abbot of Amaravati Monastery emphasizes that in some prominent places in the *suttas* only the first four precepts are mentioned, whereas all five precepts are described together in other *suttas*. Ajahn Amaro points out that the first four precepts are *pakati-sila* whereas the fifth precept is *pannati-sila*. He provided details of the *Suttas* listed below.

Venerable Nyanatiloka explains in his *Buddhist Dictionary* that *pakati-sila* [is] natural or genuine morality, [which] is distinct from those outward rules of conduct laid down for either laymen or monks. Those latter are the so-called prescribed morality (*pannatti-sila*).
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